

COMMENTS

The enclosed is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on October 24, 2006. At the time the Examiner mailed the Office Action claims 1-103 were pending and claims 1-15 are allowed. By way of the present response the Applicants have: 1) amended claims 1, 11-13, 16, 28, 38, 52, 60 and 82; 2) added new claims 104-117; 3) canceled claims 10, 25-27, 47-49, 69-71 and 91-93. As such, claims 1-9, 11-24, 28-46, 50-68, 72-90 and 94-117 are now pending. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application and the allowance of all claims now presented.

In the Office Action mailed 10/24/06 the Examiner indicated that claims 27 and 49 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form. See, Examiner's Office Action mailed 10/24/06, p. 7. The Applicant has herewith amended the respective base claims to incorporate the subject matter that the Examiner indicated would be allowable. The Applicant has also made corresponding amendments to the Beauregard claims including the introduction of already allowed claim 1 in Beauregard form.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his decision to allow these claims. The Applicant's decision to accept the objected to claims is based on the Applicant's believe that these claims may have commercial value.

CONCLUSION

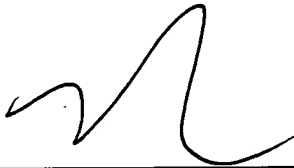
For the reasons provided above, applicant respectfully submits that the current set of claims are allowable. If the Examiner believes an additional telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Robert B. O'Rourke at (408) 720-8300.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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